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SUBJECT	REDBLOCK/ [ ] [ ] - Status Report		MICROFILM
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES <i>See Embassy official, Bonn</i>			
Action required: See paragraph 7			
<p>1. The investigation of [ ] began in early February 1966 and has now reached the point where certain recommendations for the future course of this effort can be made. While the investigation did not produce evidence of any Soviet contacts maintained by [ ], it resulted in some basic data relating to his work and daily schedule. It also pointed to the limitations of this kind of investigation, and indicated the need eventually to approach more directly the question of Subject's current or past associations with Soviets.</p> <p>2. Our investigation of Subject was in several parts. It began with a case officer and CAPRAIRIE team surveillance of his residence to determine his identity and daily schedule. This necessitated approximately twenty separate stake-outs, conducted during the morning and evening hours, designed to follow him to and from his place of work. Since he lives within walking-distance of his place of work, the surveillances, when Subject was observed, could be conducted discreetly. We learned that Subject does not seem to work regular hours, at least he could not be picked up within an hour's time span each day that a surveillance was scheduled. The results of the surveillance effort were one photograph of Subject taken clandestinely, the locating of his residence and, more important, the confirmation of his place of work as given by the original lead to Subject.</p> <p>3. Two separate attempts were made to establish some form of personal contact with Subject or his family. The call on Subject's</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED</p>			
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home made by [ ] ✓ [ ], under Identity/1 cover, was designed to obtain a glimpse of his apartment, and to report on his general standard of living. She met with Subject's wife, who impressed her as a clean and neat woman, and described the apartment as modestly furnished. On a return visit, [ ] spoke with Subject who told her that his wife usually is at home in the afternoons, and that he also frequently is home at that time. This confirmed to some extent that Subject has irregular working hours.

4. AEISSUE/1 had two tasks to perform as part of the investigation of Subject, both connected with an attempt to determine under what circumstances [ ] could have met with Soviets. Since Subject's home is in the immediate neighborhood of a Soviet residence, occupied almost exclusively by intelligence officers, we assumed that a chance meeting might have taken place at one of two near-by bars, which Subject could have frequented after working hours. AEISSUE/1 visited these bars at various times, but did not meet Subject, nor was Subject surveilled to these places when returning from work. While we can only tentatively conclude from this that Subject has no pattern of frequenting these bars at the times our checks were made, we cannot exclude the possibility that a contact with a Soviet could not have been established even on a one-time visit.

5. The other task assigned to AEISSUE/1 related to the assumption that [ ] may perform some function in his current job which would bring him in contact with the public. We therefore asked AEISSUE/1 to visit Subject's place of work and determine how accessible Subject is to outsiders. AEISSUE/1 learned from Identity/2 that Subject is chief of the Identity/3 office, where he earns approximately DM 800 a month (salary group IV). This is a position equivalent to that of an Obersekretaer. He further learned that this office does not distribute classified material, and that it makes no sales to the public. Purchases of material from this source must be made through a local book store. Also, Subject is not himself accessible to the public, and visitors must ask for him, and be announced to him before he can be met. AEISSUE/1 also was told by his source that the chief of the Identity/4 is about to be retired, and that Subject stands some chance of replacing him. This would put him in a category equivalent to that of a Hauptsekretaer.

6. We have several choices at this juncture in the operation. We can pass the case to CAVATA for further investigation, particularly by means of a direct approach to determine whether Subject in fact has met with Soviets. The alternative, which we recommend, is to continue the investigation using AEISSUE/1. In the course of this investigation we would also ask CAVATA whether they have information on Subject, since he may have reported contacts with Soviets when they occurred. We prefer this course of action, particularly since we are still in the midst of the [ ] investigation, which though unrelated to [ ] at least centers on the same area of interest. When the [ ] case has further progressed, we may then propose coordinating this case with CAVATA, if for no other reason than that we may by then have exhausted our investigative means. We believe that when a confrontation with [ ] is the only alternative left, it may be more prudent first to inform CAVATA. This is based on the assumption that if Subject in fact had only a casual relationship with Soviets, then he may well report our approach to his own security people, who in turn would advise CAVATA.

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7. We would appreciate Headquarters comments.

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